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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6978**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1112

**NOTE PREPARED:** Jan 2, 2012

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Telecommunications Providers of Last Resort.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Lehman

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill amends references to Federal Telecommunications Law made obsolete by amendments to the federal law. It repeals the statute that requires the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) to determine, under certain circumstances, a successor local telephone exchange carrier for an area in which an exiting local exchange carrier ceases operations. The bill makes conforming amendments.

It provides that upon notice to the IURC by an incumbent local exchange carrier that is the provider of last resort in one or more parts of the incumbent local exchange carrier's service area, the incumbent local exchange carrier is relieved of its obligation as the provider of last resort in any part of the incumbent local exchange carrier's service area in which there are at least two communications service providers (one of which may be the incumbent local exchange carrier) offering voice service.

It also provides that after June 30, 2013, upon notice to the IURC by an incumbent local exchange carrier that is the provider of last resort in one or more parts of the incumbent local exchange carrier's service area, the incumbent local exchange carrier is relieved of its provider of last resort obligation with respect to any part of its service area identified in its notice. The bill specifies that relief from a provider of last resort obligation does not affect an incumbent local exchange carrier's obligations under federal law.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2012.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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